



## RENO ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

**DATE:** TUESDAY, June 12th, 2018  
**TIME:** 5:00 PM  
**PLACE:** MCKINLEY ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER  
925 RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
RENO, NV 89503

### Commission Members

Sharon Honig-Bear, Chair  
Geralda Miller, Vice Chair  
Dave Aiazzi  
Bryce Chisholm  
Doug Erwin  
Erik Fong  
Dana Hatjakes  
Nettie Oliverio  
Colin Robertson  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Naomi Duerr, City Council Liaison

- Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Sharon Honig-Bear.  
**Roll Call** – Present: Sharon Honig-Bear, Bryce Chisholm, Erik Fong, Dana Hatjakes, Nettie Oliverio. Also present: Megan Berner, Public Art Program Coordinator. Alexis Hill, Arts, Culture & Special Events Manager. Julie Towler, Deputy City Attorney. Absent: Geralda Miller, Dave Aiazzi, Doug Erwin, Colin Robertson, Naomi Duerr, City Council Liaison.
- Public Comment** – Bryce Chisholm states that the National Arts Program recently had him help curate an airport art show that included employees and family members, bringing more art into public spaces. Chisholm adds that it may be a good idea to bring something similar to Reno. Chisholm also adds that June 13<sup>th</sup> he is attending an artist panel for Tahoe Weekly to discuss art marketing.

Alexis Hill agrees and adds that she is in the process of negotiations, as there is an upcoming meeting. Hill also adds that as of now there is still pushback towards purchasing public art and that involving people on a more personal level may bring more positivity towards the arts.

Sharon Honig-Bear announces that the previous minutes note taker, Stacey, is no longer available.

- Approval of the Meeting Minutes** – April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 Minutes of the Reno Arts & Culture Commission Meeting

Sharon Honig-Bear motions to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 Reno Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes, Nettie Oliverio moves to approve, seconded by Bryce Chisholm. All in favor: 5 approve, 0 abstain, 4 absent. Motion carried.

- Approval of the Agenda** June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Nettie Oliverio moves to approve, seconded by Dana Hatjakes. All in favor: 5 approve, 0 abstain, 4 absent. Motion carried.
- Presentation on Reno Municipal Code 2.20 by Deputy City Attorney Julie Towler** (Item for general information only. No deliberation or action will be taken on this item)

Towler begins by going over the code of ethics, stating that it is based on NRS Chapter 281.A and is a chapter of code that the Reno Arts & Culture Commission follows. The intent is for integrity, honesty and fairness.

Standards of general requirements include:

- (1) Cannot seek nor accept any gift over \$100.00
- (2) Cannot use position selfishly, secure unwarranted privileges
- (3) Public Appointment
- (4) Not accept any salary, retainer, gift, allowance from a private source to perform their duties ect.

- (5) Acquire info not available to general public, cannot use information to further their own interest.
- (6) Cannot suppress any government report of any other document because it affects interests unfavorably.
- (7) Government appointee cannot use government time, property ect. for non-governmental purposes.
- (8) Doesn't apply
- (9) Cannot seek other government employ through the use of position of RACC
- (10) Doesn't apply

Towler states that the purpose of her office is also to apply any corrective action and recommend any appropriate action. The City Council may direct her office to investigate, or prosecute through her office any apparent violation of Chapter, and they may employ or appoint any qualified attorney to investigate or prosecute any violation.

Any appointed committee member who willfully and knowingly violates the Chapter code will immediately be taken off the committee.

Towler states that it is best to follow the example of City Council, that there has to be a solid connection ex. family or money and stresses that you 'cannot accept service' or do something that would improperly influence your position. She states that each individual must decide whether to recuse or abstain.

**6. City Council Liaison Report** – Council Member Naomi Duerr was not in attendance.

**7. Financial Report and Budget Update**

- a. **Review and possible acceptance of the FY2017/18 Commission Budget Report (For Possible Action)**
- b. **Review and possible acceptance of the FY2017/18 Public Art Budget Report (For Possible Action)**

Megan Berner states that the bottom line hasn't changed and adds that grants have started to come in as June is the end of the fiscal year.

Alexis Hill adds that whatever doesn't get used will roll over to the next fiscal year.

Berner states that the signal boxes continue to be finished and is in negotiations with NDOT for permission to paint the signal box located at N. Virginia Street and McCarran Blvd.

Nettie Oliverio moves to accept, seconded by Erik Fong. All in favor: 5 approve, 0 abstain, 4 absent. Motion carried

**8. Project/ Special Reports Update (For Possible Approval)**

- a. **Public Art Committee Update (For Possible Approval)**
  - i. Discussion and possible approval of a Deaccession Policy for the Public Art Collection (For Possible Action)
  - ii. Discussion and possible approval of a policy for Public Art Community Proposals and funding requests (For Possible Action)
  - iii. Update on Valley Wood Bench

Item i. Megan Berner states that for the Deaccession Policy some wording has been changed therefore it is before the committee again for approval. Adds that it is an order of operations but has flexibility.

Nettie Oliverio moves to accept, seconded by Dana Hatjakes. All in favor: 5 approve, 0 abstain, 4 absent. Motion carried

Item ii. Alexis Hill states that previously there was no formal policy for miscellaneous art projects that artists and the public came up with and now the committee can adapt the policy for such projects.

Dana Hatjakes states that this specific policy is worded for the art committee and recommends creating an entirely new policy dedicated to taking care of miscellaneous art projects.

Berner added a link to the government website to the policy where all information can be found.

Nettie Oliverio moves to approve the Public Art Committee Proposal Policy, seconded by Bryce Chisholm. All in favor: 5 approve, 0 abstain, 4 absent. Motion carried

Item iii. Berner has an update on the Valley Wood Bench as repairs are needed after years of weathering. Anchor Concrete bid has been accepted to remove the remaining tile, remove top layer of concrete, and resurface. Councilwoman Jardon has agreed to add \$2,500 to the bid towards the Valley Wood Bench repairs.

**9. Discussion and possible approval of a call for artwork to purchase for Bicentennial Park Sculpture Garden (For Possible Action).**

Not yet ready to discuss the issues. Tabled.

**10. Discussion and possible recommendation on permitting for arts & culture businesses and activity in the City of Reno (For Possible Action)**

Alexis Hill brings up the point that this is something Dave Aiuzzi has brought up and is able to give some background including the fact that the City condemned a building at Dickerson Road essentially making it impossible for bands to practice within the space. Local artists are running into restrictions including Pan Patoja, the Bruka Theater, and Good Luck Macbeth. To be discussed further with Dave Aiuzzi present.

**11. Discussion and possible approval of funding for a public art light festival downtown Reno in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 (For Possible Action)**

Alexis Hill suggests that this discussion can wait as well but summarizes that after observing the growing interest in other cities in light festivals there may be a possibility of bringing one to Reno during the fall with three reasons being first rooms will be inexpensive that time of year, secondly the Playa Park will have been recently refreshed and thirdly, November is a slow time for events.

Berner suggests that there may be the possibility of purchasing one piece and that this could garner interest from local businesses to sponsor future light festivals.

**12. Discussion, review, and possible recommendation on the 2017/2018 Strategic Goals (For Possible Action).**

Time constraints disallows discussion.

**13. Update on Creatures of Nevada, David Boyer Kinetic Banners – HeART of the City Event, Peter Wilday archive, Lear Theater, Washoe County Art Trail, Neon Museum, EDAWN Arts & Business Luncheon, Union Pacific Grant.**

Creatures of Nevada – Berner states redevelopment agency found \$50,000 to repair sculptures, and the bronze artist who took over the estate of John Battenberg is willing to work towards the repair.

David Boyer Kinetic Banners – The Riverwalk Merchants Association has agreed to put money towards the restoration of the Kinetic Banners and is also doing a HeART of the City Event to raise more awareness towards the cause. Estimation of about \$40,000 to fully restore banners.

HeART of the City Event – July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Eddy, \$25.00 donation and David Boyer will be present to talk about his work.

Peter Wilday Archive – Hill states that Councilwoman Brekhus has tasked the commission to do a retrospective of the architect Peter Wilday and under her guidance have chosen twelve (12) of his properties for a gallery show at either City Hall or the UNR gallery. Timeline is uncertain.

Lear Theater – Oliverio states that the chosen group is still accessing whether or not they can take it on.

Washoe County Art Trail – Hill states that the City has been asked to participate to be included in the app so Bicentennial Park and City Plaza will be included.

Neon Museum – Hill states that it's coming back to Council for the City Center Building, North & South, for use and the bid will get the North building for an office and the Neon Museum is interested in the South building as an office/starting point for tours.

EDAWN Arts & Business Luncheon – Nominations close on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Alexis Hill asks that everyone advocates local businesses etc. as the closing date is soon.

Union Pacific Grant – working with Community Foundation to help put in a grant for the bathrooms in Union Pacific, the depot building specifically. June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm there will be a celebration of the Reno Railroads 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

**13. Announcements not anticipated at notice date.** (Item for general announcements and information only. No deliberation of action will be taken on this item.)

Nettie Oliverio announces the unfortunate passing of Reno Star artist Mark Szulgit on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018.

**14. Set date, time and agenda for the next meeting (For Possible Action)**

Special Meeting June 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm (Agenda rollover from previous meeting)  
Public Art Committee Meeting, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am  
Reno Arts & Culture Commission Notice and Agenda of Regular Meeting, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

15. **General Public Comment** – This Item is for either any General Public Comment or any Action Item Comment and is limited to no more than three (3) minutes per person.

None.

17. **Adjournment** (For Possible Action)

Nettie Oliverio moves to approve, seconded by Bryce Chisholm. All in favor: 5 approve, 0 abstain, 4 absent. Motion carried.